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Harry Reitze Named Acting Chief of Police in City of Falls Church

FALLS CHURCH, VA. – City of Falls Church Acting City Manager Wyatt Shields today announced the appointment of Captain Harry Reitze as Acting Chief of Police effective Dec. 1, 2006. The appointment comes after the Nov. 15 announcement of Police Chief Robert T. Murray's impending retirement.

"The City is fortunate to have a law enforcement professional with the caliber of Harry Reitze to step up and lead the Department at this time," said Shields. "His wealth of experience, excellent training, and professional demeanor all point to his being the right person for this important post. I look forward to working with him, and supporting his efforts to move the Police Department forward."

Reitze joined the City in July 1975 as a patrol officer and progressively worked his way through the ranks to obtain the position of Captain in July 1998. Most recently, he functioned as the Assistant Coordinator for Emergency Management. He previously commanded the Police Department's Services Division and Operations Division to include the Communications Unit, Records Unit, and Criminal Investigations Unit.

"We have a strong, hard-working Police Department. I'm looking forward to the opportunity to work together with the dedicated members of the Department to move ahead with new ideas, trust, and confidence and continue to provide superior public safety to our community," said Reitze.

Reitze has received more than 2200 hours of law enforcement training to include graduating from the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Academy and the Virginia Police Chiefs Foundation's Professional Executive Leadership School. He currently serves as president of the alumni association of the Professional Executive Leadership School and is assisting the Virginia Police Chiefs Foundation with the establishment of the Professional Executive Leadership School II training program.

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Before coming to Falls Church, Reitze worked for the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Information regarding the process and timeline for the appointment of a permanent chief will be provided in the near future.

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Note: A photo of Captain Harry Reitze is attached. Photo Credit: City of Falls Church.